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GLENN DAVIS GRADUATES FROM PERRIN FIELD

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Perrin Field, Texas, March 19.—Speeding up pilot training to keep pace with the rapidly moving defense program, aviation cadets of class 42-E at Perrin field, the fifth group scheduled to receive “wings” and commissions in the Army Air Corps Reserve this year, today were enroute to advanced flying schools—eight days ahead of a previously stepped-up schedule.

Included in the class were three men from Illinois, Donald C. Baldwin, 205 Cobb avenue, Decatur; Fred R. Haviland Jr., 6041 Matson avenue, Chicago; and Glenn E. Davis of Wheeler.

Although actual strength in numbers was not revealed, officers at the first Army Air Corps basic flying school to be activated after declaration of war announced that class 42-E was the largest group of future commissioned pilots ever to be “graduated” from Perrin field.

Orders to move on to advanced flying schools came through so rapidly that upper classmen were forced to eliminate the usual social functions that wind up their basic training. Activities such as the regular formal graduation dance and class book were curtailed as a result of the speedier program.

Perrin field cadets have been ordered to report as soon as possible to their new stations. Almost two-thirds of the class assignment was divided equally between twin-engine schools at Ellington field, Texas, and Moore field, Mission, Texas. The remainder of the class was split into groups ordered to the single-engine schools at Lake Charles, Louisiana, Brooks field, Texas, and Victory field, Victoria, Texas.